Qualifications of persons appointed to act as Inspectors of Police.

194. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any knowledge of Criminal Law is insisted upon in the case of Head Constables and clerks appointed to act as Inspectors of Police;

(*b*) whether there is any departmental examination to test their legal knowledge; and

(*c*) the guiding principle taken into consideration in making appointments of acting Inspectors of Police from among the departmental subordinates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of the Commissioner of Police.

(*c*) Ability, character and power of command.

Appointment of Head Constables and Constables to do Clerical work.

195. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that Head Constables and Constables are entertained in the offices of the District and Assistant Superintendents of Police to do clerical work; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether such an arrangement is made owing to the paucity of clerks in those offices?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Head Constables and Constables are sometimes asked to do clerical work in the District and Sub-divisional offices when work is very heavy, without detriment to their legitimate work.

The Kadati Bridge.

196. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of years since the Public Works Department prohibited the taking of buses and carts carrying heavy loads along the Kadati bridge, on the road from Muvattupuzha to Ernakulam *via* Trippoonittura, as the bridge was in a state of disrepair;

(*b*) whether they are aware that it is only by this route that the agricultural products of Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks, such as pepper, dried ginger and arecanut, are mostly exported, and paddy, rice, hardware, etc., are imported for commercial purposes;

(*c*) the reason for not completing the bridge as yet; and

(*d*) whether they will consider the question of completing the bridge immediately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About a year.

(*b*) A diversion road was opened and a temporary bridge constructed on it to carry the traffic.

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